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Ray I. Long  
Director of Personnel  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

You have inquired if the Personnel Commission has the authority to fix the salaries of liquor store employees. In my opinion it has such authority.

Prior to 1950, the State Liquor Commission had authority to "appoint and at pleasure dismiss sales agents" and to "fix the salary of each such sales agent." P. L., c. 170, s. 10. By amendment, Reorganization Act, P. L., c. 16, the law was changed so that the power of the Liquor Commission to appoint agents is subject to personnel regulations of the state, and further limited by legislative appropriations. At the same time, the language giving the Liquor Commission the power to fix salaries was deleted.

Very truly yours,

Gordon M. Tiffany  
Attorney General

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c.c. John Langstaff